

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein the edge of the side part is a transverse edge, wherein at least one reinforcing fin runs in a transverse direction of the side part.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger unit, comprising:  
at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

- (a) tubes;
- (b) heat-transfer fins; and
- (c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:
  - (i) a baseplate; and
  - (ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate which is attached to the base plate along a single edge, which is bent at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate, and which creates an aperture in the baseplate,

wherein at least one reinforcing fin is provided with at least one securing means.

6. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit for a motor vehicle, comprising at least one heat exchanger, having tubes and heat-transfer fins, and having at least one side part, which comprises a baseplate and at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin is formed by a deformed center piece of the surface of the baseplate;

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin is provided with at least one securing means;

and

wherein the at least one securing means is formed by an at least partially deformed reinforcing fin.

7. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the side part has at least one expansion section, which is formed by one or more apertures which are aligned with one another, and a plurality of webs adjoining the apertures, at least one aperture corresponding to a center piece of the surface of the baseplate which has been deformed to form a reinforcing fin.

8. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 7, wherein the webs have fold-like beads.

9. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a side part for a heat exchanger unit according to claim 10, comprising;

a) providing a metal sheet having a width b which is substantially equal to a width of the side part,

b) precutting sections of an edge of at least one piece of the surface of the metal sheet, and

c) deforming the at least one piece of the surface out of a plane which is predetermined by the metal sheet, to form at least one reinforcing fin.

10. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit, comprising:  
at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

(a) tubes;

(b) heat-transfer fins; and

(c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:

(i) a baseplate; and

(ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate which is attached to the base plate along a single edge, which is bent along an edge at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate, and which creates an aperture in the baseplate,

wherein the bent edge of the reinforcing part extends along a longitudinal edge of the side part.

11. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the cut out portion of the baseplate is rectangular in shape.

12. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger according to claim 11, wherein the cut out portion of the baseplate comprises four edges, is cut out along three of the four edges, and is bent at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate along the fourth edge.

13. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit, comprising:  
at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

- (a) tubes;
- (b) heat-transfer fins; and
- (c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:
  - (i) a baseplate; and
  - (ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate which is attached to the base plate along a single edge, which is bent at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate, and which creates an aperture in the baseplate,

wherein the cut out portion of the baseplate comprises at least one aperture in the cut out portion.

14. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the angle is about 90°.

15. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the angle is an angle between about 0° and about 90°.

16. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle comprising a heat exchanger according to claim 10.

17. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger unit, comprising:  
at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

- (a) tubes;
- (b) heat-transfer fins; and
- (c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:
  - (i) a baseplate; and
  - (ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate and is attached to the baseplate,

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin is bent along an edge at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate to create an aperture, and

wherein the bent edge of the reinforcing part extends along substantially a full length of an edge of the side part.

18. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein the edge of the side part is a longitudinal edge.

19. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein a portion of the baseplate is disposed between the bent edge of the reinforcing part and the longitudinal edge of the side part.

20. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein the angle is substantially a perpendicular angle to the plane of the baseplate.

21. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger unit as claimed in claim 17, wherein the reinforcing fin is configured to stiffen the side part in a longitudinal direction of the side part.

22. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit~~The heat exchanger unit as claim in claim 17, comprising:~~

at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

- (a) tubes;
- (b) heat-transfer fins; and
- (c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:

- (i) a baseplate; and
- (ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate and is attached to the baseplate, wherein the at least one reinforcing fin is bent along an edge at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate to create an aperture, and

wherein the bent edge of the reinforcing part extends along substantially a full length of an edge of the side part, and

further comprising a plurality of reinforcing fins, wherein the plurality of reinforcing fins comprise a plurality of cut out portions in the baseplate to create a plurality of apertures.

23. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit ~~The heat exchanger unit as claim in claim 17,~~ comprising:

at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

- (a) tubes;
- (b) heat-transfer fins; and
- (c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:
  - (i) a baseplate; and
  - (ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate and is attached to the baseplate, wherein the at least one reinforcing fin is bent along an edge at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate to create an aperture,

wherein the bent edge of the reinforcing part extends along substantially a full length of an edge of the side part, and

wherein at least one reinforcing fin is provided with at least one securing device, wherein the at least one securing device is a opening through the reinforcing fin.

24. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger unit, comprising:

at least one heat exchanger, said heat exchanger comprising:

- (a) tubes;
- (b) heat-transfer fins; and
- (c) at least one side part, said side part comprising:
  - (i) a baseplate; and

(ii) at least one reinforcing fin,

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin comprises a cut out portion of the baseplate and is attached to the baseplate, wherein the at least one reinforcing fin is bent along an edge at an angle out of a plane of the baseplate to create an aperture,

wherein the at least one reinforcing fin comprises an opening therethrough.